

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286

Introduced by D. Pederson, 42

WHEREAS, Ella Ochoa co-founded the Nebraska Association of Farmworkers and became the Executive Director on October 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa started her career in the fields before going to work for the Nebraska Department of Labor Migrant Program as an outreach worker in North Platte, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Nebraska Association of Farmworkers became the NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation with a mission to advocate for and aid in the physical, educational, financial, and social well-being of migrant and seasonal farmworkers, minorities, and other disadvantaged persons in the State of Nebraska through the delivery of community-based programming; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa has served on the National Council of La Raza, the Nebraska Mexican-American Commission, and the National Advisory Council of Migrant Health; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa received the OTHLI recognition from the Mexican government. OTHLI means enlightened path or journey in the Nahault language; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa was a member of the delegation representing President Clinton at the inauguration of President

Banzar of Bolivia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa was named Nebraska Woman of the Year by the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa was presented the Cesar Estrada Chavez award by the American Association on Affirmative Action in April of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ochoa is married and has four sons, four grandsons, and one granddaughter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ella Ochoa on her outstanding service to farmworkers not only in Nebraska but across the United States.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature send a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Ochoa.